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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CS

SUBJECT: ALVAREZ MEETING

REF: SAN JOSE 4586

1. ALVAREZ LEFT COSTA RICA TODAY, DECEMBER 11, FOR MIAMI WITH HIS WIFE. HE HAS MIAMI SEC OFFICE'S TELEPHONE NUMBER AND WILL CALL SEC OFFICE TO CONFIRM 9 A.M., DECEMBER 13, MEETING IN SEC OFFICES.

2. ALVAREZ' STEPSON, MIKE TARAFA, AFTER INFORMING EMBASSY OF ABOVE, SAID THAT ALVAREZ HAD MET WITH PRESIDENT ODUBER DECEMBER 10 TO DISCUSS HIS MEETING IN MIAMI. STEPSON SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD URGED ALVAREZ TO BE AS HARD ON VESCO AS HE COULD BE AND TO TELL STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MEETING THAT HIS WILL TO EXTRADITE VIESCO IF THE USG WILL DO IT "SERIOUSLY." IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY QUESTION ABOUT ANY PRESIDENTIAL REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF VESCO LAW, SOURCE REPLIED THAT ALVAREZ HAD RAISED THIS POINT. SOURCE SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT TOLD ALVAREZ NOT TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.

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3. COMMENT: EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ESSENCE OF

SECOND PART OF SECOND SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 2 WILL BE CONVEYED TO STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE AS A PERSONAL AND ORAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT. IF SUCH IS THE CASE IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT MESSAGE WILL CONTAIN MORE SUBSTANCE THAN THAT CRYPTICALLY RELAYED TO EMBASSY. TARAFA WAS EMPHATIC THAT IT SHOULD NOT GET BACK TO ODUBER THAT HE HAD CONVEYED THIS TO EMBASSY.

4. ALVAREZ HAS NO PROBLEM WITH EXTENDING THE INTERVIEW INTO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, IF U.S. OFFICIALS REQUIRE.

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